

Fort Carson Celebrates AMERICA RECYCLES Day

November 15, marks the ninth annual America Recycles Day. What better time than this to renew a commitment to recycling. The aim of this national observance is to increase consumer awareness about recycling and completing the recycling loop through the purchase of products and packaging made from recycled-content materials. This endeavor unites business and industry, local, state and federal government agencies, as well as environmental and civic groups.

Although relatively new as a day to celebrate, the national observance is gaining popularity. From its meager beginning in 1997 where America Recycles Day was observed in only 37 states by approximately 750,000 participants; the “movement” expanded to all 50 states and participation continues to grow every year.

Last year, Fort Carson generated roughly 19,000 tons of solid waste of which over

8,000 tons were recycled. The installation diverted almost 44 percent, meeting the Department of Defense goal of reducing the installation’s solid waste stream by at least 40 percent by 2005. In order for Fort Carson to increase this goal, however, it must have the support of all residents and patrons of the installation.

There are two recycle drop-off locations available on Fort Carson, as well as numerous cardboard collection containers. The drop-off locations are located at the Recycle Facility, Bldg. 155 (near Gate 3) and there is a main PX drop-off location (south of the parking lot).

The two recycle drop-off locations accept cardboard, white paper, newspaper, magazines, aluminum, tin, scrap metal, plastic and glass. Additionally, all unit and contractor motorpools will have a combination of scrap metal and cardboard

recycle roll-offs with refuse containers. In addition to the three main recycling locations, there are cardboard, glass, aluminum, paper and plastic containers located at:

- Wolf Dining Facility, Bldg. 1444.
- The parking lot at Specker Avenue and Long Street.
- Near the thrift store at Wetzel Avenue and Long Street.
- The parking lot at Felkins Street and Wetzel Avenue.

For more information about the DECAM Recycling Program, call 526-5898.

To find out more about reducing solid waste and Fort Carson’s sustainability efforts, attend the 5th Annual Fort Carson Community Sustainability Conference and Expo on November 9 at the Phil Long Expo Center. Register online at <http://sems.carson.army.mil>.



Fort Carson also collects and recycles wood debris. Approximately 40 tons per month of wood from construction debris, pallets, etc., is diverted from going to a landfill and used for mulching and a waste-to-energy project.



The recycle drop-off location by the Fort Carson Post Exchange has expanded to accommodate greater need.

November 2006			BUY QUALITY PRODUCTS THAT WILL LAST		BUY ONLY WHAT YOU WILL USE	
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TAKE YOUR OWN BAGS WHEN SHOPPING		Election Day		5th Sustainability Conference	REPAIR RATHER THAN REPLACE BROKEN ITEMS	Veterans' Day
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	BUY ARTICLES MADE WITH RECYCLED MATERIALS	14	America Recycles Day	ECO/BEM 1300-1400 HazMatAwarenes 1400-1445 DPW (#218) RAB 1830-2000 Elkhorn	17	PAY FOR THE PRODUCT NOT THE PACKAGE
19	REUSE ENVELOPES AND FILE FOLDERS	EQWG 1000-1130 EPO 1300-1400 Green Bldg (#2410)	22	Thanksgiving Day	24	25
26	BUY FROM LOCAL SOURCES	28	Use it up, wear it out, make it do, or do without. — NEW ENGLAND PROVERB			